



The ENCOURAGER

SWR Chaplain News

Winter Issue



Volume 1 Issue 1

December 2004 – February 2005



Col Tom Todd

SWR Commander

www.spindle.net/swrcap/

SWR Chaplain Staff
Chaplain Robert Whitley

Region Chaplain
capjames@juno.com

Chaplain Don Brown

Dep Region Chaplain
CISM Coordinator
loncap@ev1.net

SM Brenda Whitley

Assistant to the Chaplain

SWR Wing Chaplains

AR Ch Peter Nortier

501 847-3888

AZ Ch Steve Rountree

snrstcs@earthlink.net

LA Ch Robert Ratchford

ratchfrd@beta.loyno.edu

NM Ch Charles Moorer

crmoorer@zianet.com

OK Ch Douglas Hall

dhahl@cox.net

TX Ch Nancy Smalley

smallnance@aol.com

FIRST EDITION

Welcome to the first edition of “The Encourager”, the SWR Chaplain and Moral Leadership Officers’ own Newsletter. As the new SWR Chaplain I have two goals for 2005. One is **Communication** and the other is **Recruitment**. There are several things I believe we can do to get to know and help each other in these areas.

Communication

1. Chaplain Sharp and I agreed that a Newsletter would be a good communication tool. We wanted it to be upbeat, thus the name. Please send info on your new Chaplains and MLOs when they come on board. Send articles when a Chaplain or MLO in your unit accomplishes something. Send info on events in which Chaplains and MLOs participated. Please keep them to the point so we can include others.

2. Good use of the Chain of Command is Imperative. This does not mean we can’t communicate with each other on all levels, but it does mean we should go through the chain of command for official communication. The chain of command should also be the best way to disseminate information. There may be times when the Region or Wing Chaplains want to send information directly to everyone in the Region or the Wings but these should be exceptions and not the rule. Normally, as Region Chaplain I would disseminate information to the Wing Chaplains, who in turn should pass the information to each Group Chaplain, who passes it on to their Squadron and Flight Chaplains and MLOs. Lets work together to make this happen, please.

3. Next is the use of email. Budgets are tight these days, both personal and CAP. I like getting letters just as much as anyone else, but email is cost efficient for business and it is fast. Only the phone is faster and if you have the kind that includes long distance, it is a good tool. It is hard to send documents over the phone unless you have a fax machine. Please use email, and check it regularly, as much as you can.

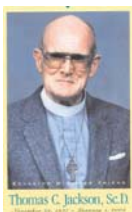
Recruitment

1. Keep your eyes open. If you are like me, you have families and busy schedules. Your mind is not always on the CAP (Oh Horrors); no, reality. So you must get in the habit of looking for prospective Chaplains and MLOs as you go about your daily business. Jot yourself a note if you think of someone so you can visit with them at a better time. Are chaplains needed? I believe we are, and so do you or else you wouldn’t be a Chaplain or MLO in the CAP. It took Mike Manual of the Crusader Composite Squadron, in Grand Prairie, TX, four years before I relented and visited the Squadron and became a member. He never pressured me, but gave me friendly invitations on and off. “Chaplains” are out there and they are needed.

2. Call and visit pastors you know or know about. Most don’t even know what CAP is unless someone tells them. They may be just waiting for an invitation to serve.

3. Commit to a goal of bringing just one Chaplain or MLO into the Southwest Region in 2005. If each of us recruited only one, just think what that would mean to Squadrons who do not have a Chaplain or MLO. Having Chaplain servants available for our members is really what it is all about, right?

I want to thank each of you for being in the CAP and I hope to get to meet and talk to everyone of you when I am in your area for Wing Conferences, etc. My personal goal is to be a servant to the CAP and what it stands for. I ask for your prayers that I will be true to this goal and my Faith. I can not travel this road alone. I thank you for all you do. You do make a difference.



IN MEMORY OF
Long time member
Chaplain (Col)
Tom Jackson.
See p. 3.

Texas Wing Winter Encampment

Chaplain Don Brown served as the Chaplain for the TXWG Winter Encampment Sunday (26DEC04)



Kossegi, Whitley, Brown

through Friday (31DEC04). He led in a Protestant Worship/Holy Communion Service for the participants Sunday evening (26DEC04) and a MLO, LTC Fred Kossegi (an ordained Catholic Deacon), celebrated Mass at the same time for the Catholic personnel. SWR Chaplain Robert Whitley assisted in the Protestant Service.

In addition Chaplain Brown held informal prayer/devotional service/gatherings each evening during "personal time." He also led a Moral Leadership session on Tuesday morning. Lt Col Blake Fentress from the SWR Liaison Office reported that the TXWG Winter Encampment was a great success.

C.A.R.I.N.G.

Chaplain Lt. Col. Steve Roundtree
Arizona Wing Chaplain

Some years ago, a friend who was an elementary school counselor asked me to temporarily take her place while she was finishing her doctoral degree.

I walked in, to a class of third graders, with pretend confidence that I knew what I was doing, and I promptly asked the class, "What do you want to talk about?" A rather shy student at the back of the class, meekly raised his hand and said, "I want to talk about caring." I knew that this child had been struggling with low self-esteem and fighting with his family. I said to myself, "This would be good for him as well as bail me out of a tight spot!" I then thought I would really mess with the students' minds by writing the word "caring" on the board and making the word an acronym. I casually wrote "C.A.R.I.N.G." on the chalkboard. What happened next can only be described as an epiphany.

I asked the students to think about what the *C* stood for. The class selected the word "Choices". They said that to care about something, caring has to begin with choosing to care. Then they went on to say that the *A* was for "Action". The

students said that for choices to become real, there must be some kind of action to show that you have made the choice, or else it isn't a real choice. The *R* was for respect. The students defined respect not as minding your parents or doing what you are told, but as treating others with kindness and gentleness. When we came to the letter *I*, I thought I had them stumped. I asked the students what they wanted the *I* in C.A.R.I.N.G. to stand for. Much to my damaged ego that I thought I had them, they selected the word "important". When we place value and understand the reasons for our choices, we then make our choices important enough to take action. They agreed that even when they see their choices as important, they still don't do it. So they agreed that the *N* must be for necessary. When they see their choices (or the choices made for them) as absolutely necessary, then they will act upon those choices.

Finally, I asked what does the *G* in C.A.R.I.N.G. stand for. There was some hesitation. After a few seconds, the same shy child that started it all raised his hand in a rare moment of confidence. This child said that the *G* stands for giving. As I looked upon this child, I saw a glimmer in his eyes that I had not seen before. He had a huge grin on his face as he said that in giving, rather than taking, caring really happens. He said that by giving, we will want to make more choices to care even more. The room became strangely quite for a third grade class as if a sense of humbleness fell upon the room. I walked out dazed and awed at the brilliance of the children that had just taught this adult how to live life. Now, as I continue to ponder the full impact of the concept of C.A.R.I.N.G., I realize that this is certainly not new.

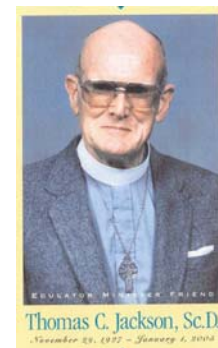
We, as CAP members, have been actively practicing C.A.R.I.N.G. since the beginning of the program in 1941. We all have chosen to answer the call to serve in the CAP program and have made our CAP service a way of life. Our actions have helped to save and better thousands of lives throughout our history. We continually respect others by treating them with kindness and gentleness. This is our code and oath. We know how important our service is to our community, state and nation. Our giving to others through service is absolutely necessary because the bottom line is that we save lives. To do anything else would be too costly.



Chaplains at all levels work together to accomplish CAP goals. Above are four at the Arkansas Wing Conference. From left to right: Ch (Lt Col) Peter Nortier, Ark. Wing Chaplain; Ch (Col) Charles Sharp, National Chaplain; Ch (Lt) Larry Killian, Little Rock Composite Squadron; Ch (Lt Col) Robert Whitley, SWR Chaplain; and (now) SM Brenda Whitley, Assistant to the Chaplain.

Chaplain (Col) Tom Jackson

November 29, 1927 – January 1, 2005



Commissioned as a chaplain in the United States Air Force in 1952, Dr. Jackson served during the Korean War both stateside and overseas. His chaplaincy continued in the USAF Reserves and Air National

Guard. He became the Utah Wing Commander for the Civil Air Patrol and Post Chaplain at Fort Douglas for weekend and special base service. He participated as a pilot in search and rescue missions and taught moral leadership classes at Kirtland AFB. Most recently he held the rank of Colonel as the New Mexico Wing Chaplain.

Col Jackson also served several roles in churches and schools including Pastor and College President. These are only a few of his accomplishments as a servant.

Colonel Jackson is survived by his wife Judith Berner Jackson of Albuquerque, a daughter and son, two sisters and numerous others.

*And I shall dwell
in the house of the
Lord forever.*

**SWR CHAPLAIN SERVICE
STAFF COLLEGE (SWRCSSC)**

**April 18-21, 2005
Carswell NASJRB,
Ft. Worth, Texas**



This is the premier college for chaplains and MLOs. Each college has different emphasis so are designed to be attended each year. "Excellence In All We Do" is this year's theme.

Training will be comprised of three components: Emergency Services; Aerospace Education; and Cadet Programs. In the ES component, we will complete the CAP approved Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Training Curriculum with Lt Col Sherry Jones, RN as our presenter. Chaplain (Lt Col) Don Brown will then lead us through a tabletop SAREX to apply our CISM skills. During our Aerospace Education component we will build model rockets and hopefully have a launch competition. Chaplain (Maj) Nancy Smalley will provide valuable insights regarding the role of the chaplain at encampments for our Cadet Programs component. Chaplain Sharp will lead our devotions.

For additional information contact the director:
Chaplain (Maj) Bill Bryan at 2218 W. Van Trease Dr.,
Deer Park, TX 77536, wjbryan@southmain.org

NOTE: Lt Col Sherry Jones will also be teaching another Basic CISM course the weekend before the CSSC (16 & 17 April) at NASJRB. It is basically set up for non-college participants. The course is only \$25.

Contact Chaplain (Lt Col) Don Brown at PO Box 553, Iola, TX 77861-0553, lonecap@ev1.net. 936-394-3310



**SWR STAFF COLLEGE (SWRSC)
16 - 23 July 2005
Albuquerque, NM**

(This college is designed to be attended by all CAP members only once as a participant, but it is so rewarding that many return as staff members.)

The SWRSC is known for its excellent leadership training. Again this year Chaplain Sharp is serving as the college's Chaplain and Chaplain Whitley is the Deputy Director.

The college offers Leadership Training through professional NCO Academy Instructors, seminars and other activities. Large companies, including the FAA where I work, pay big dollars to send their employees to comparable courses. Some students have even had their employers pay for attending the college after learning the benefits. Subjects include:

Team Building, Professionalism, Aerospace Ed, Leadership Influences, Situational Leadership, Functions of Management, Time Management, Problem Solving, Diversity Exercises, Human Relations, Core Values/Ethics, Conducting Squadron Meetings, Barriers to Communication, Effective Writing, Preparing to Communicate, Customs and Courtesies, Introduction to the Internet, and Website Building.

For additional information contact the Director:
Lt Col Mike Swanson at 7625 Brook Haven Way,
Shreveport, LA 71105-5706, mswanson@shrev.net or
Dep. Dir. Chaplain Whitley, capjames@juno.com

**TX WG CIST Travels to Waxahachie
FOR REAL!**

SWR Deputy Chaplain (Lt Col) Don Brown,
Southwest Region CISM Coordinator

Members of the TX WG CIST traveled to Waxahachie, TX Thursday 27JAN05 to perform CISM interventions secondary to a REDCAP mission from this past weekend.

The TX WG CIST Chief, Maj (Dr.) Joan Coughlin --as the designated MHP-- led a team comprised of peer members Lt Col Dennis Finuf, 1st Lt Penny Herndon-Finuf, and Ch., Lt Col Robert Whitley (the SWR Chaplain).

Maj. Coughlin traveled from San Antonio by commercial airline and the Finufs from Kerrville, by ground, to participate in the interventions as requested by Col Todd (the SWR Commander), our WG Commander, and Maj Joe Fernandez, the Group 4 Commander.

Assistant Team Chief, Ch, Maj Nancy Smalley --a member of the Waxahachie CS-- and her family provided essential logistical support for the team as well.

"Thanks" to all who participated in and supported the interventions ... and to peer members Maj's Ernest and Cecelia Alexander who were scheduled to participate but were prevented by unexpected vehicle problems. Additional "thanks" need to go to the SWR/CC, TXWG/CC, and Group 4/CC for their support.

The mission was funded by NHQ/DOS IAW CAPR 60-5 as a corporate mission. "Thanks" to NHQ as well!

Additional CISM intervention plans are being formulated for the Rio Grande Valley --regarding this same REDCAP-- although no firm plans have been made as of this writing.

[For info on CISM training see the SWRCSSC article above.]

Praise be to the God...of all comfort, who
comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can
comfort those in any trouble with the comfort
we ourselves have received from God.

1 Corinthians 1:3-4

Item Of Interest

NM Dep. Wing Chaplain, Lt Col, John R. Doughty, who recently retired as President of the Albuquerque Bible College, wrote an article concerning his scientific research on CO₂. His research supports a Biblical view of creation. He states:

My data samples were analyzed at the University of Arizona Accelerator Mass Spectrometer Lab and the subsequent paper has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming issue of the *Creation Research Society Quarterly*.



For a copy of his article and how to get a copy of his published "Paper" contact him at ydmaster@swcp.com.

An Advent and Christmas Meditation

Ch. Lt. Col. Charles A. Moorer III
New Mexico Wing Chaplain

As we are in the season of Advent and Christmastide, we are thinking about how we can extend a helping hand to those around us who are in need. This brings to mind a story which emphasizes this very principle.

A group of Special Olympics athletes were engaged in a track meet. In this particular event, there were eight or nine children involved in a foot race. Their enthusiasm was high for the event. They were eager to run and to do their best. The opening gun went off, and the group started running. They had gone only a few yards when one of the boys tripped and fell on the asphalt. He began to cry, and a girl in the race with him became aware of his falling. She stopped to help him up when the rest of the group of boys and girls became aware of what was happening. They all as a group turned

back, taking the boy who had fallen with them. They all proceeded to run together, arm in arm, back to the finish line. The crowd saw what was happening and rose to their feet to cheer. The cheering lasted for over ten minutes. The compassion which was expressed by the children far outweighed their desire to win. And they seemed to know that the most important thing was ending the race together, not leaving anyone behind.

This story really emphasizes the mission of the Civil Air Patrol. Our purpose is to help people in various ways. And, we do it together as a team. May this season help us to remember our purpose. Instead of being in competition with one another, we can rejoice in doing our task together. In Romans 12:10, we read,

"Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor."

(New Revised Standard Version)



Chaplain (LtCol) Robert A. Whitley, CAP
Southwest Region Chaplain
P. O. Box 155244
Fort Worth, TX 76155-0244